

SENATOR DeCAMP: Anyway, some individuals sacrifice is going to result in that your bill is going to be right there at the same spot with somebody else that hasn't yet got it off to the running. But as I say, I think it is a reasonable policy. I think we should adopt it. I think it shows a sense of responsibility by this body that this year, in a year when things are tight and a year when we don't know what the income of the state is going to be, it's saying to the people of Nebraska that we are acting responsibly, and we are going to watch out for the best interests of Nebraskans. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. My first compliment goes to the Speaker. Congratulations, Mr. Speaker. We are ahead of schedule. This usual event comes about a month or two later than now, so obviously it's pretty clear you are. For those that have not been here before I would like to welcome you to an annual ritual which you have just seen and we've debated every year that I've been here. To understand the issue that Senator DeCamp is trying to bring before you, I would like to ask Senator DeCamp two quick questions. Senator DeCamp, either preside or answer the question.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, my good friend, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator DeCamp, how much revenue do you project we'll raise next year?

SENATOR DeCAMP: How much revenue we'll raise next year?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I think we're still trying to gather facts. In fact, in the information I sent around to you where they were trying to compile information, for example, from the tax office....

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well now, Senator DeCamp, I don't want a long story.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I'm giving you the answer. One hundred and ninety-three of the proposals we couldn't even get information on yet, the total fiscal impact. So it is impossible to say how much revenue. The projections, thus far, we've been getting are mostly wrong.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: You're on my time. Senator DeCamp doesn't have any idea of what the revenue is going to be. That is what he said. Sometimes you have to take a four hour course in logic at the law school to say it that way, but he doesn't have any idea and nobody else does. I do not, personally, have one bill on the appropriation list that Senator DeCamp gave to you. None of those are mine. The only thing is I'm telling you that we have restricted ourselves in terms of the way we budget anyway, and now we're going to come back with another proposal to put it over there so we can understand what it means. It doesn't mean anything. When you're going to make a judgement as to how much money you have and how much you can spend, and nobody knows how much we have, and in about two months we'll have it in here and the Tax